

nual reports, the Lady Secretary of the North Church Society came forward and read a very interesting account of the year's proceedings. Then the Granville Street Society's Report was read, and showed that monthly meetings had been held and progress had been made. The number of members in both societies had increased during the year.

The Secretary of the Nova Scotia Central Board then read the Annual Report, which appears on another page. The Treasurer's report was then read by the Chairman, which is also appended.

After singing the Missionary Hymn, Rev. J. W. Manning gave a most appropriate address on the spirit in which we should engage in missionary work. This was followed by one from Rev. E. M. Saunders, shewing the essential characteristics for making missions successful and bringing souls to Christ. It was a meeting of deep interest, and was all the more enjoyed from the hearty rendering of choice pieces of music between the reports and speeches, and during the collection.

THE WORK AT PHILADELPHIA.

We have received a circular from Philadelphia with an account of the work going on there, and an invitation to unite in a Christian Convention, to be held there to-day and to-morrow. The convention is called together by a meeting of the pastors of Philadelphia to the number of about one hundred and fifty of various denominations. At this convention Mr. Moody is to preside at all the sessions, and open most of the topics. The following are the subjects named for discussion at the various meetings of the convention.

(ON WEDNESDAY.)

Evangelistic Services: How to Conduct Them. How to Conduct Prayer Meetings. The Usual Noonday Prayer Meeting. Inquiry Meetings: Their Importance and Conduct. Training of Young Converts and Lay Workers. The Usual Preaching Service by Mr. Moody.

(ON THURSDAY.)

How shall the Music be Conducted in the Lord's Work. How to Expend and Illustrate Scripture. The Usual Noonday Prayer Meeting. How to get hold of the Non-Church Goers. Our Young Men, What More Can We Do For Them. The Usual Preaching Service.

The report of the meetings, which accompanies this invitation says:

During the protracted season of inclement weather the attendance was far beyond the expectations of any, and on the worst evenings the attendance was not less than from five to six thousand, and when the evening was at all passable attendance was much larger. With the return of good weather comes nightly the great crowds of the opening days and weeks days and Sundays the hall is full, ten thousand being the regular audiences, with at times thousands more turned away unable to get in. The desire to get seats near the platform is so great that parties come and wait about the doors for hours before they are open, and four and five thousand people are often waiting for admission. Many come in at the close of one service and sit for three and four hours waiting for the next one. On New Year's eve the service began at 9 o'clock and at 4 o'clock the crowd began to gather, and at 7.30, when the doors were open, the house was filled in a few minutes. The service lasted from 9 till 12 o'clock, and at each hour the doors were opened for ingress and egress. The Hall was densely packed during all the evening, full fifteen thousand being present, and thousands were turned away unable to get in.

On Sunday the 2nd inst., the eight o'clock morning lecture to Christians was attended by some six or seven thousand, largely the representative Christians of our most active churches.

In the afternoon the hall was crowded with women only, and in the evening, notwithstanding the rain, a large audience of men only was present.

The question most frequently asked by those interested in but not personally familiar with the work is "And what is the result so far." In general terms of reply the attendance at all the meetings is large beyond precedent, and the attendance all that could be desired. The requests for prayer presented daily are numbered by hundreds, and at every meeting, when the opportunity is given, verbal requests for prayer by persons for themselves and for friends are so numerous that they cannot be heard. The enquiry rooms, often as they are open, have always many seeking the way of life, and the rooms are at times so crowded that the doors have to be locked. And there are large numbers not Christians who go away from every meeting deeply impressed to seek advice from pastors, and to consider it quietly at home.

The annual catalogue of the Newton Theological Institution for 1875-66, is received. In the list of students we find ten or eleven from Acadia College

SIAM AND THE CENTENNIAL.

We find the following in a Washington paper:

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—Information has been received through the United States Consul Partridge that the kingdom of Siam will participate in the Centennial. John H. Chandler, an American citizen, has been appointed Commissioner to represent that country, and about \$100,000 will be expended to display its products and industries. Mr. Chandler will leave Bangkok some time in December with goods for the Exposition. It was intended at first that a prince and several noblemen would be present at the Centennial. It has finally been decided that no nobles will accompany Mr. Chandler, into whose hands all the arrangements have been placed.

Mr. Chandler is a Baptist, a deacon of the Baptist Church in Bangkok, of which the Rev. S. J. Smith is pastor. He went out to Siam in 1841, in the service of the American Baptist Missionary Union, as "printer and machinist" and left that service in 1856. He has since been frequently in the employ of the Siamese government, and has rendered good service in the department of public works. His kind attention to our missionaries while they were in Siam were very gratefully acknowledged.

"INDEPENDENT JOURNALISM."—One of our daily papers, under the above caption, claims a latitude which we think, if adhered to, must soon destroy confidence of all right thinking people in its views and teachings. A correspondent writes to the editor a commendatory note of the general course pursued by that journal, and adds, "So far as you betrayed a sympathy with certain theological views I could not but seriously disapprove."

To this the editor replies, "Publication of an editorial is not an endorsement of its contents, whether it notify the public of flour, tin kettles, or theology." The affirmation which we have italicised, is what we think most objectionable. It may satisfy the writer, but, if such a principle were adopted by the press generally, there would be a strange medley and conglomeration, destructive of all consistency and distinction between right and wrong, truth and error. The editor might teach Romanism one day and Universalism another, and all the gradations of theology from one to the other as having equal authority, so far as his editorial writing was concerned.

An editor may not endorse the views expressed by his correspondents, but the publication of an article as editorial is surely an endorsement of its contents.

The Foreign Missionary Board have sent out collecting cards for the purpose of introducing more systematic giving to the cause. They ask for "an average contribution of one cent per week, or fifty cents a year, from each of the 30,000 members of Churches in the three Provinces." This is a good movement, which, if well applied, will yield a revenue without encroaching on any other demands.

We have received a complimentary copy of the Journals of the 28th Annual Session of the Grand Division, Sons of Temperance. It is a highly respectable pamphlet of 96 pages, and gives a vast amount of information of the movements of the Order during the past year. It also contains a digest of the preceding three Quarterly Sessions, and therefore forms a sort of Temperance Year Book, and deserves the careful perusal of all members of the Order. The report on the official organ—the Alliance Journal—says the issue of that paper is "now about 1000 weekly, while the subscribers are only about 700." It has been found necessary to draw upon the funds for its support, and unless vigorous efforts are made in its behalf, "the funds of the Grand Division must be largely interiered with for its maintenance, as the expenses are now in excess of returns." A valuable page of Temperance Statistics is given, which shews that "in the Dominion, the numbers, so far as can be ascertained, stand as follows:—

Table with 2 columns: Society Name and Number of Members. Includes Sons of Temperance (37,700), I. O. of G. T. (49,300), B. T. and Associate Societies (35,000), Roman Catholic Temperance Societies (20,000), Protestant Church Temperance Societies (15,000), Open Temperance Societies (6,000), Total (163,000). Also lists In Nova Scotia the numbers are: Sons of Temperance (11,000), British Templars (7,500), I. O. of G. T. (6,400), Catholic T. A. Societies (4,000), Other Total Abstinence Societies (3,000), Total (31,900).

By these figures it will be seen that Nova Scotia has about twice as many pledged members in working Temperance Societies in proportion to her population as the whole Dominion; no less than sixteen per cent of her adult population being thus enrolled. Probably no Country or State can show so good a record as this.

We learn from the Visitor that the Home Missionary Board of that Province had before them at a recent meeting a letter referring to several young students who are soon to graduate at Newton, and are desirous of a settlement. One of the members present was appointed to correspond with them on the matter.

Rev. I. E. Bill and W. P. Everett were appointed to prepare an appeal on behalf of the widow of Rev. W. A. Crandall. The first Elgin Church sent her a New Year's donation of \$60.

Rev. A. B. Earle is laboring in St. John. On Sunday, 9th, he preached in Brussels Street Baptist Church; in the afternoon in Calvin Presbyterian Church; and in the evening at the Music Hall; and on Monday evening in the Congregational Church; on Tuesday evening in the Leinster Street Baptist Church; and on Wednesday evening in Exmouth Street Methodist Church.

The Baptist Church at Fredericton is enjoying revival influences under the labors of the pastor, Rev. T. H. Porter. At Springfield Rev. W. A. Covey baptized six converts on the 26th ult., and eight on the 9th inst.

The 3rd Hillsboro Church has recently received an addition of fifteen members by baptism by Revs. James Irving and S. C. Moore.

Our London exchanges give an interesting account of the recent conversion and baptism of Lord Garvagh. We shall give a fuller notice of this next week.

NOTICES.

RECEIVED FROM WOMEN'S MISSION AID SOCIETIES.

Table with 2 columns: Donor Name and Amount. Includes Indian Harbour (Mrs. C. Allan, \$4.50), A Christmas present from a Friend (Indian Harbour, 4.00), Canso (Miss C. A. Cunningham, 10.00), Mrs. C. Tupper (a life membership for Miss DeWolf, 25.00), M. R. Selden, Secretary, Halifax, January 19th, 1876.

A LIFE MEMBERSHIP.

My dear Mrs. Selden.—As a small expression of the very high esteem and sincere regard which we have for our dear missionary, Minnie B. DeWolf, we send you twenty-five dollars to constitute her a Life Member of the Woman's Missionary Aid Society. We highly appreciate her visit among us, and trust it has been the means of lasting good to the cause of missions. It is our sincere prayer that the Lord may spare her precious life, and give her strength still to work for the cause that lies so near her heart.

On behalf of the donors. Yours very truly, Mrs. C. TUPPER.

The amount was made up by contributions and donations as follows:—Pine Grove (6.52), Nictaux and Torbrook (11.60), Tremont (6.88), Total \$25.00.

Tremont, Aylesford Jan. 14, 1876.

RECEIVED FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Dear Brother,—Please acknowledge as usual and oblige.

Table with 2 columns: Donor Name and Amount. Includes Per. Rev. W. A. Corey, Mr. W. Harden, Springfield, King's Co., N. B. (\$1.00), 12. Per Rev. Geo. W. Thomas, Cape Canso Baptist Sabbath School (8.00), 14. Per Mr. Chas. Covey, Indian Harbor Bap. Church for Qr. ending Dec. 31st (8.50), Per Mrs. W. Allwood, Treas. of Central Board of Women's Miss. Aid Societies, N. B. (498.18), Per Mrs. M. R. Selden, Treasurer and Secretary of Central Board of Women's Missionary Aid Societies of N. S., for Qr. ending Decr. 31st, 1875 (428.34), Less expended for missionaries (28.60), Total 399.74.

Tros. P. DAVIES, Treasurer F. M. Board, St. John, N. B., Jan. 14, 1876.

ERRATA.—In Christian Messenger, Jan. 12th, page 13, Autobiographical, "W. Y." read "W. T." Page 14, Memoriam, Mrs. H. Thorne, for "ninety-nine," read "ninety." Memoriam, J. Bohaker, for "some children," read "some of his children."

Subscribers in Canning, who have been accustomed to make payments for C. M., to J. S. Witter, Esq., will oblige—in his

absence, to pay to Mrs. Witter, or to Rev. S. J. Neily.

The Third Baptist Church have sent a highly complimentary letter to their Treasurer, as "a Testimonial of gratitude to a good worker." After what appeared last week in our columns shewing the results of his labors its publication is unnecessary.

Letters Received.

Joseph Ham, \$2. T. A. Wilson, \$8. J. H. N. Higgins, \$3. Z. H. Hewitt, \$8. Rev. W. H. Warren, \$2. Dr. J. Woodbury, 1 sub. Capt. W. E. Trefry, \$2. Charles Bowles, \$2. Rev. A. Chipman, Mrs. M. Hunter, \$2. R. C. Raymond, yes, \$2. D. Archibald, 2 subs. Jas. Frizzle, \$2. Rev. Isa. Wallace. Rev. J. Meadows, \$3.50—R. Stewart. Rev. G. F. Miles, \$4.50. Rev. S. J. Neiley, \$10. G. H. Hardy, \$4. F. Taylor, \$2. S. A. Parker, \$2. J. M. Parker, Esq., \$6. A. W. Christopher, \$2. Isaiah Thurber, Esq., \$4. B. Hobbs. E. M. Chesley. Rev. G. Whiteley, 1.50. W. A. Hutcheson. Rev. D. M. Welton. A. McDonnell, \$2.

Acknowledgements.

Dear Sir.—May I acknowledge through you another kind gift for my "Home," from the country? A beautiful patchwork quilt arrived at my door this afternoon; verses of scripture are written on the white squares, and the whole is a most tasteful piece of work. A slip of paper accompanying the quilt informed me that it is the gift of "a few of the Bridgetown ladies," and as many of them I know read the Messenger, I offer them here my hearty thanks for their valuable present, and for the prayers which I feel sure were put up to our Heavenly Father by those who so carefully traced so many "precious promises" on our "Scripture Quilt." I remain, dear Sir, Yours truly, ELIZABETH MARY HUNT-MORGAN, Soldiers and Sailors Home, 36, Brunswick Street, Halifax, N. S. Jan. 5, 1876.

Dear Editor.—My present churches and congregations have again placed myself and family on the "sunny side." On the 16th December, an exceedingly pleasant evening was spent at the Bedeque Baptist Parsonage. A large company was present, excellent music, vocal and instrumental, regaled us, while partaking of a bounteous social repast, and through the evening good speeches and free conversation interspersed, together with tangible and acceptable donations, and a closing prayer by an esteemed Wesleyan brother, most agreeably filled up the evening.

Again, on December 29th, at Tryon, a similar gathering occurred and expression was made, one of the residents very generously opening his house for the occasion. As it occurred at the time of our Island Sabbath School Convention, we were favored with, and exceedingly enjoyed, an extra attendance of ministers and other delegates from abroad. Rarely, at such entertainments, are so many good and witty things said as our brethren gave expression to that evening. In return for these manifestations of regard, I can only hope and pray to be more consecrated to Christ and my work in this part of His vineyard. On some parts of the field there are encouraging indications of a refreshing of the Lord's heritage and an ingathering of souls. A. CHIPMAN. Jan. 3, 1876.

The friends of Rev. D. A. Steele, met at the Amherst Parsonage, on Friday evening last, and made their seventh annual Donation, amounting to \$220.

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H. G. Laurilliard, 119 HOLLIS STREET, HALIFAX, N. S. Agency for New York Fashions. Jan. 6.

Very Cheap PIVOTS FOR STREAM DRIVING.

J. I. BROWN offers No. 1 PIVOTS at \$2.75 per Pivot, or \$2.50 each per half dozen, any persons wishing to purchase the same will please apply to J. I. BROWN, BLOCKHOUSE, Lunenburg, Co., N. S. Jan. 5. 1 m. W. R. Mail.

INTERCOLONIAL RAILWAY.

1876-WINTER ARRANGEMENT-1876.

ON and after MONDAY, 13th December, Trains will run as follows:—

DAY EXPRESS TRAINS

Will leave Halifax for St. John, at 8.00 a. m., and St. John for Halifax at 8.00 a. m.

LOCAL EXPRESS TRAINS

will leave Pictou for Truro at 3.15 p. m., and Truro for Pictou at 10.50 a. m., St. John for Sussex, at 4.30 p. m., Sussex for St. John at 7.35 a. m., Point du Chene for Painsac at 11.40 a. m., and 3.20 p. m., Painsac for Point du Chene at 12.30 p. m. and 4.05 p. m.

MIXED TRAINS

will leave Halifax for Truro and Pictou, at 11.45 a. m., and 1 p. m., and Pictou for Truro and Halifax at 6.30 a. m., Truro for Painsac and Moncton at 7.00 a. m., and Moncton for Painsac and Truro at 7.20 a. m., Point du Chene for St. John at 6.45 a. m., and St. John for Point du Chene at 10.00 a. m.

ACCOMMODATION TRAINS

will leave Moncton for Miramichi, Campbellton and Way Stations at 12.15 p. m., and Campbellton for Moncton at 6.20 a. m., connecting with Trains to and from Halifax and St. John.

For particulars and connections see small Time Tables.

C. J. BRYDGES, General Supt Gov't Railways. Railway Office, Moncton, 8th Dec., 1875. Dec. 15.

FITS! FITS! FITS!

CURE OF EPILEPSY; OR FALLING FITS. BY HANCE'S EPILEPTIC PILLS.

Persons laboring under this distressing malady, will find Hance's Epileptic Pills to be the only remedy ever discovered for curing Epilepsy or Falling Fits. The following certificates should be read by all the afflicted; they are in every respect true, and should they be read by any one who is not afflicted himself, if he has a friend who is a sufferer, he will do a humane act by cutting this out and sending it to him.

A MOST REMARKABLE CURE.

PHILADELPHIA, June 28th, 1867. SEYMOUR HANCE, Baltimore, Md.—Dear Sir: Seeing your advertisement, I was induced to try your Epileptic Pills. I was attacked with Epilepsy in July, 1865. Immediately my physician was summoned, but he could give me no relief. I then consulted another physician, but I seemed to grow worse. I then tried the treatment of another, but without any good effect. I again returned to my family physician; he was capped and bled several different times. I was generally attacked without any precursive symptoms. I had from two to five fits a day, at intervals of two weeks. I was often attacked in my sleep, and would fall wherever I would be, or whatever I was occupied with, and was severely injured several times. I was affected so much that I lost all confidence in myself. I also was affected in my business, and I consider that your Epileptic Pills cured me. In February, 1866, I commenced to use your Pills, and only had two attacks afterwards. The last one was April 6th, 1866, and they were of a less serious character. With the blessing of Providence your medicine was made the instrument by which I was cured of that distressing affliction. I think that the Pills and their good effects should be made known everywhere, that persons who are similarly afflicted may have the benefit of them. Any person wishing further information can obtain it by calling at my residence, No. 583 North Third St., Philadelphia, Pa. WILLIAM ELDER.

IS THERE A CURE FOR EPILEPSY?

The subjoined will answer. GRENADA, Miss., June 30.—SETH S. HANCE.—Dear Sir: You will find enclosed five dollars, which I send you for two boxes of your Epileptic Pills. I was the first person who tried your Pills in this part of the country. I was badly afflicted with fits for two years. I wrote for and received two boxes of your Pills, which he took according to directions. He has never had a fit since. It was by my persuasion that Mr. Lyon tried your Pills. His case was a very bad one; he had fits nearly all his life. Persons have written to me from Alabama and Tennessee on the subject, for the purpose of ascertaining my opinion in regard to your Pills. I have always recommended them, and in no instance where I have had a chance of hearing from their effect have they failed to cure. Yours, etc. C. H. GUY, Grenada, Talabusha County, Miss.

ANOTHER REMARKABLE CURE OF EPILEPSY; OR FALLING FITS. BY HANCE'S EPILEPTIC PILLS.

MONTGOMERY, Texas, June 20th, 1867. To SEYMOUR HANCE.—A person in my employ had been afflicted with Fits, or Epilepsy, for thirteen years; he had these attacks at intervals of two to four weeks, and often times several in quick succession, sometimes continuing for two or three days. On several occasions they lasted until his mind appeared totally deranged, in which state he would continue for a day or two after the fits ceased. I tried several remedies prescribed by our resident physicians, but without success. Having seen your advertisement I concluded to try your Pills. I obtained two boxes of your Pills, gave them according to directions, and they effected a permanent cure. The person is now a stout, healthy man, about 30 years of age, and has not had a fit since he commenced taking your medicine, ten years since. He was my principal wagoner, and has since that time, been exposed to the severest of weather. I have great confidence in your remedy, and would like every one who has fits to give it a trial. B. L. DEFEENE.

STILL ANOTHER CURE.

Read the following testimonial from a respectable citizen of Grenada, Mississippi. SEYMOUR HANCE, Baltimore, Md.—Dear Sir: I take great pleasure in relating a case of Spasms, or Fits, cured by your invaluable Pills. My brother, J. J. Ligon, has long been afflicted with this awful disease. He was first attacked while quite young. He would have one or two spasms at one attack at first, but as he grew older they seemed to increase. Up to the time he commenced taking your Pills he had them very often and quite severe, prostrating him, body and mind. His mind had suffered seriously, but now, I am happy to say, he is cured of those fits. He has enjoyed the best health for the last five months. His mind has also returned to its original brightness. All this I take great pleasure in communicating, as it may be the means of directing others to the remedy that will cure them. Yours, respectfully, etc. W. F. LIGON.

Sent to any part of the country, by mail, free of postage, on receipt of a remittance. Address, SEYMOUR HANCE, 583 North Third St., Baltimore, Md. Price, one box, \$2.50; two boxes, \$4.50. Please mention where you saw this advertisement. Aug. 4. 15yr.